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Columbia man arrested for inappropriately touching teen

Suspect photo released in attempt to identify other potential victims

Howard County police have arrested a Columbia man for inappropriately touching a 14-year-old girl at Hammond High School. Colby Christopher Johnson, 20, of Early April Way, is charged with second-degree assault, fourth-degree sex offense and disturbing school operations.

Police responded to the school on March 12 just after 4:30 p.m. for a report that an unknown male entered the school, approached a female student and grabbed and attempted to kiss her before fleeing. The victim was not physically injured.

Through investigation, including review of school video, police identified Johnson as a suspect and determined he had no legitimate business at the school. He was taken into custody Friday and is currently being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center.

Police are releasing a photo of Johnson and asking any other potential victims, likely in or around the Columbia area, to call 410-313-STOP or email HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.



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